THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Raids on the Office Buildings of VHP and RSS

308. SHRI S. MADHVAN :

SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI conducted raids on the office buildings of VHP, Shiv Sena and RSS recently;

(b) if so, whether some valuable prima facie evidence has been obtained during raids and the number of persons apprehended so far ; and

(c) if so, what further action has been taken on those evidences ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. During the raids 7 persons were arrested.

(c) The material seized during the raids is being scrutinised for evidence by CBI.

Quashing of Imposition of President's Rule in M.P.

309. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madhya Pradesh High Court has quashed the imposition of President's Rule in that State ;

(b) whether Government has gone on appeal before the Supreme Court; and

(c) whether elections will be held in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan before June ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A decision regarding holding of elections in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan will be taken at the appropriate time.

Reform of Tihar Jail

310. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that "Tihar Jail" in the Capital has become a breeding ground of criminals ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are contemplating to reform Tihar Jail ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) The Delhi Administration has reported that it is not correct to state that Tihar Jail has become a breeding ground of criminals.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above. Several measures have been taken by the Administration to improve the conditions in Tihar Jail which include construction of more jails; augmentation of water supply, improvement in the sanitary conditions, improvement in the medical conditions; etc.

Persons killed and injured in Calcutta and Bombay Bomb Blasts

311. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons killed and injured and the estimated loss of property in bomb blasts in Bombay and Calcutta during the last three months with details city-wise ;

(b) the details of amount of compensation paid to the affected families/persons;

(c) whether any judicial inquiry has been ordered into the incident;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken against the guilty persons on the basis of inquiry ?